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SUBJECT: BIO CAT III VIETNAMESE REFUGEES NGUYEN VAN SON,
NGUYEN VAN DUNG, NGUYEN NANG THON, AND NGUYEN VAN DANH, AND
CAMBODIAN REFUGEE SATH SEUN

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1. NGUYEN VAN SON - MALE

A. UNKNOWN.

B. APRIL 11, 1945.

C. HIGH SCHOOL MINOR BACCALAUREATE, TRAINED IN CELESTIAL
NAVIGATION.

D. WAS OFFICER IN VIETNAMESE NAVY QUARTERMASTER CORPS, WORKED
FOR U.S. ARMY 1967-1968; 1968-PRESENT WORKED FOR CURRENT EMPLOYER
AS TUGBOAT CAPTAIN.

E. NATIVE LANGUAGE IS VIETNAMESE, SPEAKS FAIR ENGLISH.

F. NONE.

G. NOT ARRANGED.

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2. NGUYEN VAN DUNG - MALE

A. UNKNOWN.

B. DECEMBER 1, 1938 SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM.

C. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, SPECIALIST IN AIR CONDITIONING AND DIESEL MECHANICS.

D. WAS IN VIETNAMESE SPECIAL FORCES, WORKED FOR U.S. ARMY AS PORT ENGINEER (SUPERVISOR) 1967-1968, WORKED FOR PRESENT EMPLOYER SINCE 1968 AS CHIEF ENGINEER.

D. NONE.

F. NOT YET ARRANGED.

3. NGUYEN NANG THONG - MALE

A. UNKNOWN.

B. 1930 NORTH VIETNAM.

C. INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE.

D. FORMER COMMANDER IN VIETNAMESE NAVY, WORKED AS DIESEL MECHANIC IN U.S. NAVY CONVOYS IN MEKONG DELTA, HAS WORKED AS TUGBOAT CAPTAIN FOR HIS PRESENT EMPLOYER SINCE JANUARY 1974.

D. VIETNAMESE, EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

F. NONE.

G. NOT YET ARRANGED.

4. NGUYEN VAN DANH - MALE

A. UNKNOWN.

B. OCTOBER 9, 1933 SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM.
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C. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE.

D. WORKED FOR U.S. ARMY AS PORT ENGINEER 1965-1971, HAS WORKED AS CHIEF ENGINEER ABOARD TUGBOAT FOR PRESENT EMPLOYER SINCE MAY 1971.

D. VIETNAMESE, GOOD ENGLISH.

F. NONE.

G. NOT YET ARRANGED.

5. SATH SEUN - MALE

A. UNKNOWN.

B. SEPTEMBER 19, 1943 CAMBODIA.

C. GRADUATE OF CAMBODIAN AND FRENCH TRADE SCHOOLS.

D. HAS WORKED FOR PRESENT EN LOYER AS ASSISTANT ENGINEER
SINCE JANUARY 1974.

E. CAMBODIAN, GOOD ENGLISH.

F. NONE.

G. NOT YET ARRANGED.

6. FIVE ABOVE INDOCHINESE NATIONALS ARE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY
PAC INTERNATIONAL, SUBSIDIARY OF FEDERAL COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION
OF MONTREAL, CANADA. PAC INTERNATIONAL HAS JOINED IN GENERAL
TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATION, A CONSORTIUM OF CROWLEY MARITIME
CORPORATION OF SAN FRANCISCO AND GENSTAR INTERNATIONAL OF
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. GENERAL TRANSPORTATION RECENTLY
FORMED JOINT VENTURE WITH SAUDI PARTNER TO PERFORM LIGHTERAGE
OPERATIONS FOR ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL COMPANY OFF RAS TANURA AND
JUAYMAH, SAUDI ARABIA. AMONG TUGBOATS CONTRIBUTED BY
PAC INTERNATIONAL TO PROJECT WERE CRAFT IT HAD BEEN EMPLOYING
IN INDONESIAN WATERS SINCE 1974. THE FIVE INDOCHINESE WERE
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ABOARD THESE VESSELS OFF INDONESIA AT TIME OF GENERAL COLLAPSE
OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM IN APRIL 1975. SINCE APRIL 1975
THESE MEN HAVE BEEN ABOARD SHIP, ONLY BEING PERMITTED BRIEF
RESTS ASHORE AS THEY DO NOT POSSESS VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.
AFTER YEAR AND HALF AT SEA THEY HAVE GIVEN UP HOPE OF BEING ABLE
TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELANDS AND WISH TO SETTLE IN US, AS THEY
HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH AND FOR AMERICANS FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIODS
OF TIME. PROBABILITY THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD PERMIT THESE MEN TO
SETTLE HERE IS NONEXISTENT. SAUDI ARABIA DOES NOT PERMIT
NON-MUSLIMS TO BECOME PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND,
IN FACT, ONLY RARELY PERMITS NON-SAUDI MUSLIMS TO REMAIN
PERMANENTLY. IN CASE OF VIETNAMESE, SUCH GREAT CULTURAL CHASM
SEPARATES THEM FROM SAUDIS THAT THEIR SETTLEMENT HERE IS NOT
FEASIBLE.

7. POST RECOMMENDS THAT VIETNAMESE BE PERMITTED TO ENTER US IN VIEW OF THEIR CONNECTIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THEIR TIES TO FORMER GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAME. FROM A COMPASSIONATE POINT OF VIEW IS SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE MEN HAVE BEEN ABOARD SHIP FOR MORE THAN EIGHTEEN MONTHS WITHOUT BENEFIT OF SHORE LEAVE. THEY HAVE BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO ENTER EVERY COUNTRY AT WHICH THEIR BOATS HAVE CALLED AND HAVE NO PROSPECT OF BEING ABLE TO RETURN HOME. AS THESE MEN HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR AMERICAN AND CANADIAN COMPANIES, THEY HAVE ACQUIRED WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH. THEY ALSO HAVE CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS AND POSSESS MARKETABLE SKILLS, AND, THEREFORE, ARE UNLIKELY TO BECOME PUBLIC CHARGES IN US.
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